import of more than Rupee Twenty Five lakhs at CIF cost during the year 1990-91;

(b) what was the quantity and CIF value of their imports and what is the indication for which each is used;

(c) what were the major intermediates imported during the year 1990-91, what was their quantity and CIF value;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are sending the import statistics to administrative Ministry; and

(e) if so, when was the import statistics for the period 1989-90 and 1990-91 sent to Ministry of Chemicals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Information for the year 1990-91 is not available.

(d) and (e) Information in this connection is collected from Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, as and when required.

Production of essential drugs

3063. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what steps are being taken following the recent delicensing of drug industry to ensure production of qualitative essential drugs and formulations including i|v fluids and other items like oxygen and gases used in operation theatres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): Sir, there has been no recent announcement on delicensing of drug industry. The Drug Policy is still under review.

Post Manufacturing Expenses

3064. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Secretary of his Ministry has observed in the Press interview published in Economic Times of 26th October, 1991 that bulk of Post Manufacturing Expenses go to the retailers and hence they have been restricted to 50 per cent of the incremental effect on ex-factory cost;

(b) what is the logic of defying statutory provision and what are the reasons for not getting the Trade Margins and mark ups studied from the cost branch of Ministry of Finance;

(c) what is the justification for arbitrary increase in Trade Commission and mark up without study; and

(d) what teps are being taken to rectify the anti-consumer act of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No statutory provision has been defied. Expertise of BICP, which is an expert body of Government on industrial costs and prices, is available to the Department.

(c) and (d) The position has been clarified in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1337 answered on 5.12.1991.

Suppression of Liabilities of M/s. Hoechst

3065. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1629 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of communications issued to M/s. Hoechst after receipt of Supreme Court Judgement in May, 1987 does not exceed Twenty;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are refusing to furnish details of these communications on account of nexus between the company and the authorities;